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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago and New York, prices were unchanged. Elsewhere, prices were generally unchanged on the larger sizes but higher on mediums. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady entering the week. Demand ranged light to good, best where features were a factor. Supplies of medium were in close balance while the balance of sizes were sufficient. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate for regular slaughter schedules.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to .5 cents lower on the larger sizes but unchanged to 2 cents higher on mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 2 cents higher on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes, when based on previous week average pricing. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady. Demand into all outlets ranged light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate on the larger sizes and close for mediums. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were fully adequate.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were up 4 cents for medium and were unchanged for the balance. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to at times good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies for all sizes were usually in balance to adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Most breakers continued to work from regular commitments and company owned production. Floor stocks mostly fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand into all outlets light to moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate for larger eggs, mediums more closely balanced.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta and Florida, prices were unchanged on the larger sizes but higher on mediums. The market tone was mostly steady entering the week. Demand was light to usually moderate. Supplies of mediums were closely balanced with remainder of sizes sufficient for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending September 6, 2002 was 57.21 cents, which was 2.65 cents less than a week earlier and 3.03 cents less than last year. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were fully adequate for normal slaughter schedules.

**WESTERN** Prices 2 cents lower on jumbo, unchanged on extra large and large, and 2-4 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 14% lower than last week with California down 10% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 18%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged entering the week. The market tone was steady. Demand was mostly moderate to instances good. Supplies were sufficient for current requirements.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DLVRD STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DZ.**

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	97-99	88-90	56-58
New York	62-66	60-64	42-46
Philadelphia	60-64	59-62	39-44
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	52-59	50-53	30.5-36
Jackson (1)	63-65	57-59	34-36
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	63-74	58-68	43-53
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	51-55	49-53	34-38
Detroit (2)	47-52	46-50	34-38
Major Ohio Cities (2)	49-53	48-51	32-36
Major Wisconsin Cities	50-57	49-55	34-39
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	70-73	67-69	52-54
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	93	83	68

(1) - Prices reported weekly  
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

(2) - Delivered Warehouse

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 2 cents lower on jumbo, unchanged on extra large and large, and 4 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 10% lower than last week. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 48. Ads noted in Northern California: major-large dozen 79, 2 for \$3.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	109
EXTRA LARGE	93
LARGE	83
MEDIUM	68

**PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>		<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	239-319	JUMBO	239-289
EXTRA LARGE	229-279	EXTRA LARGE	215-249
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	195-229
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	169-199

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT**

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 13, 2002 will decrease by 6 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 06, 2002 were 268,827 cases which was 15 percent above the prior week and 7 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	235,390	33,437	268,827
% change from the prior week.....	+20	-10	+15

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Most breakers continued to work from regular commitments and company owned production. Floor stocks mostly fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	29-31	29-30
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	15-20	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Finished product supplies cleared satisfactorily and were generally adequate for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-SEP-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.52
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings from production areas. Schedules were normal and provided adequate supplies for a fair demand for finished product. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-SEP-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	9.09
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM SEP 09, 2002**

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.0	12.6	6.3	12.8	11.7 50.4
	Change	1.1	-4.0	-0.1	-0.2	1.6 -3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.4	37.1	14.4	26.0	28.0 128.9
	Change	-3.7	-17.9	-0.2	2.2	-4.2 -16%
Large	Curr Wk	34.4	109.0	73.1	78.9	93.4 388.8
	Change	-9.0	-16.8	-7.9	-6.6	-19.3 -13%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.6	34.6	23.6	27.9	24.8 124.5
	Change	0.8	0.8	7.7	-0.7	-2.2 5%
Small	Curr Wk	5.6	13.0	6.0	7.5	6.1 38.2
	Change	-2.9	0.0	2.2	-0.3	-3.9 -11%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.8	22.7	7.3	14.5	5.9 54.2
	Change	0.4	-2.5	-1.0	0.0	-0.7 -7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	22.6	57.3	24.9	24.2	32.3 161.3
	Change	2.4	1.8	0.6	-9.0	-3.2 -4%
Total	Curr Wk	110.4	286.3	155.6	191.8	202.2 946.3
Percent	Change	-9%	-12%	1%	-7%	-14% -9%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>Number of Cases</b>		<b>Percent Change</b>		<b>Number of Cooperators</b>

Shell Egg	946.3	-9%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	303.2	6%	38

Total Shell Egg 1249.5 -6% 212  
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 174 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.  
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**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 26, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	188.2	185.1	176.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING AUGUST 26, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	147	147	137	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 06, 2002

CURRENT LOADS								16.50	FUTURE LOADS								12.25	TOTAL LOADS								28.75			
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW				LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	34.00	—	34.50	36.00	—	—	3.00		GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00											
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	32.50	34.00	1.00		GL W XL	—	42.00	—	—	—	—	—	44.86	5.50											
GL W XL	—	—	46.00	48.00	34.00	—	8.75		GL W LG	—	40.00	—	—	—	—	—	43.20	7.75											
GL W LG	—	—	42.00	44.00	32.29	—	8.75		GL W MD	32.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	36.00	1.50											
GL W MD	—	—	28.50	30.00	—	—	1.75		GL W SM	17.00	19.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00											

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/02/02-09/06/02

CURRENT LOADS			60.25			FUTURE LOADS			66.00			TOTAL LOADS			126.25		
SE			NE			MW			SC			NW			SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	34.00	37.50	34.50	36.00	35.50	37.00	11.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00		
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	32.00	33.50	2.00	GL W J	—	—	51.00	—	56.50	58.00	1.75		
GL W XL	—	—	46.00	48.65	38.76	40.31	40.50	GL W XL	39.25	44.60	—	—	—	45.67	15.50		
GL W LG	—	45.33	44.06	42.03	34.40	37.78	33.00	GL W LG	39.00	42.11	—	—	—	45.20	19.50		
GL W MD	—	29.00	29.38	29.00	28.67	—	15.75	GL W MD	31.71	—	—	—	—	35.74	7.50		
GL W SM	21.00	23.50	21.00	22.50	—	—	2.00	GL W SM	17.00	19.00	—	—	—	—	1.00		
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	34.50	29.38	35.00	NRBS - 48	19.00	—	—	—	—	—	2.00		
NRBS - 45	25.00	—	—	—	—	28.13	4.00										
NRBS - 39	10.00	11.00	16.00	18.00	—	18.83	14.25										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 08/25/02 - 08/31/02**

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	0	0
Colorado	3,240	0	2,670	5,910
Iowa	5,910	3,310	39,245	48,465
Michigan	0	0	1,600	1,600
Minnesota	2,440	1,598	16,123	20,161
Missouri	903	0	780	1,683
Ohio	0	1,610	780	2,390
Oregon	3,337	4,626	0	7,963
Utah	1,502	0	7,680	9,182
Washington	0	281	396	677
Wisconsin	0	0	780	780
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,332</b>	<b>11,425</b>	<b>70,054</b>	<b>98,811</b>

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	78-81	69-72	37-40	19-22

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
53-63	47-50	44-49	31-35	22-26

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
30-33	16-20	5-8

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	09/02/02	08/26/02	09/03/01
PACIFIC COAST	458	453	428
LOS ANGELES	409	385	0

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

Receipts from the mainland: 8/25/02-8/31/02  
 30-dozen cases 7,836  
 Receipts from the mainland: 8/18/02-8/24/02  
 30-dozen cases 7,106

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
76.27	70.27	50.50	44.27

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